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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: Ella Colbert
FUMIAKI ITO, et al.)
: Group Art Unit: 3624
Application No.: 08/863,047)
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Filed: May 23, 1997)
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For: DOCUMENT PROCESSING)
METHOD, SYSTEM AND :
STORAGE MEDIUM FOR)
DOCUMENT PROCESSING :
PROGRAMS) December 23, 2004

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2004 for one month from November 24, 2004 to Monday, December 27, 2004 (the day following the Christmas Holiday).

Submitted herewith is a check for \$120.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,
California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to
our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carole A. Quinn", is written over a horizontal line.

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